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1999 Windstar  
Vehicle ID #: 10S13

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your vehicle, with the Vehicle Identification Number shown above.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with your dealer, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

**What is the issue?**

On your vehicle, the rear axle could potentially fracture when operated in high corrosion areas (where salt is used on the roadways during winter months) for an extended period of time. If the rear axle should completely fracture, vehicle handling may be affected which could increase the risk of a crash.

**What will Ford and your dealer do?**

Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to inspect the rear axle of your vehicle for cracks or perforations free of charge (parts and labor).

If the axle passes inspection, additional corrosion protection will be applied to the axle before returning the vehicle to you. You will be notified by Ford Motor Company via mail as soon as parts are available to complete the final repair on your vehicle. Parts to reinforce axles are expected to be available in the 4th quarter of 2010.

If the axle does not pass inspection, a rental vehicle will be provided until a remedy is available. Additional axles are expected to be available in the 1st quarter of 2011. At our discretion, Ford may choose to extend an offer to repurchase vehicles with cracked or perforated axles in lieu of replacing the axle.

We apologize for any inconvenience these part shortages may cause you. We are closely working with our suppliers to accelerate part availability.

**How long will it take?**

The time needed to inspect the rear axle is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

**What should you do?**

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 10S13. Provide the dealer with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your vehicle. The VIN is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access [www.Fordowner.com](http://www.Fordowner.com) for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

Ford Motor Company wants you to have this safety recall completed on your vehicle. The vehicle owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed. Ford Motor Company can deny coverage for any vehicle damage that may result from the failure to have this recall performed on a timely basis. Therefore, please have this recall performed as soon as possible.

**Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.**

**Do you need a rental vehicle?**

If your vehicle does not pass inspection, your dealer is authorized to provide a rental vehicle for your personal transportation at no charge (except for fuel and tax) while your vehicle is at the dealership for repairs. Please see your dealer for guidelines and limitations.

**Have you previously paid for this repair?**

If you have previously paid for a repair that addresses the issue described in this letter, you still need to have this recall performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were used.

You may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for service related to a cracked or perforated rear axle. To verify eligibility and expedite reimbursement, give your paid original receipt to your dealer.

Refund requests may also be sent directly to Ford Motor Company. To request your refund from Ford, send the refund request with all required documentation, including your original repair receipt (no photocopies), to Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. Refund requests mailed to this address may take up to 60 days to process. Your original receipt will be returned to you.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

**What if you no longer own this vehicle?**

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner.



**Can we assist  
you further?**

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

**RETAIL OWNERS:** If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD). Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 5:00PM (Your Local Time).

If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is:  
[www.Fordowner.com](http://www.Fordowner.com)

**FLEET OWNERS:** If you still have concerns, please contact the Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET, select option #3 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 5:00PM (Your Local Time).

Or you may contact us through the Internet at [www.fleet.ford.com](http://www.fleet.ford.com).

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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